

Who Is Eligible to Participate in FDC?

- Parents in CPS cases where substance abuse has been alleged
- Must admit to the allegations of the Petition for Custody
- Clinically appropriate to participate
- Willing to abstain from drugs and alcohol and submit to random urinalysis
- Willing to attend all required counseling services
- Willing to complete the Service Plan and all Court-Ordered Services
- Not convicted of a violent felony
- Not charged or convicted of sexual abuse
- Not involved with Methadone treatment
- Willing to be completely honest in all communication with the Court

FAMILY DRUG COURT TEAM

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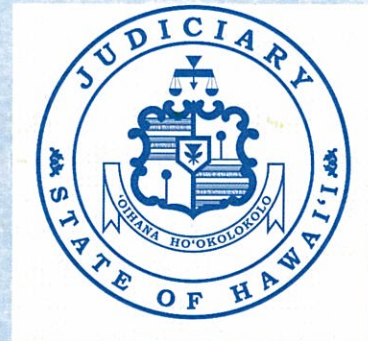
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What is the Family Drug Court?

The Family Drug Court [FDC] is currently operational within the First Judicial Circuit. This comprehensive approach is designed to:

- 1) help parents break the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect through monitored service delivery.
- 2) Shorten out-of-home placement through ongoing case monitoring; and
- 3) Expedite informed permanency planning by making it a more informed process.

Operating out of a single courtroom with a dedicated Judge and dedicated staff from CPS, as well as a team of Court-Based Case Managers, the FDC provides a coherent, integrated response to the need of substance addicted parents and their children.

The mission of the Family Drug Court is to ensure child safety by providing the opportunity to assist family members to become healthy, sober and positive parents through the provision of a seamless continuum of holistic, effective, culturally appropriate care for all life issues.

Key Components of the FDC Include:

Speed: early intervention and speedy enrollment of substance impaired parents into appropriate treatment programs and other services. Furthermore, the Court works toward swift permanence for children.

Accountability: rigorous monitoring of parents' performance in treatment by the Court, CPS and Case Managers, as part of an approach that recognizes parental achievements, as well as provides consequences for noncompliance with the Recovery Plan and Court mandates.

Informed Decisions: program structure allows the FDC Judge to make informed decisions regarding the ultimate placement of children based on how parents perform in treatment.

Enhanced Coordination: improved service delivery with exchange of comprehensive, accurate and timely information about parents and their children with CPS, who is responsible for monitoring parents and investigating the placement of children.

In addition to substance abuse treatment and parenting education, the FDC also includes components designed to encourage successful completion of the program and to enhance healthy living in all life areas.

Family Drug Court Process:

Evaluation:

An extensive evaluation is conducted to determine the nature and severity of the addiction and the subsequent treatment needs.

Admission Into The Program:

Parents that agree to participate in the program must sign the FDC contract, in which they formally agree to the treatment plan and agree to abide by all program rules and regulations.

Treatment Levels and Sanctions:

Once the FDC contract has been signed, client progress will be monitored by a 3 Level system which includes a framework of rewards and graduated sanctions. Each level sets forth specific advancement criteria and focuses on identifiable recovery milestones.

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